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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Examiners in Optometry

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: April 29, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member, President

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, Secretary

Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Bryan Smith, Deputy Attorney General Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Maddex, Public Member Prameela Kaza, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Senall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting. Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Review of Continuing Education Request

Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to approve the following continuing education courses:

Eye Care of Delaware LLC Femtosecond Laser Cataract Surgery, 3/4/13 & 3/6/13, 2 hours

Eye Physicians and Surgeons, P.A. Retinal Emergencies, 2/28/13, 1 hour

Refractive Cataract Surgery: Evolving standards for today's active patient Including LensX Laser, ReSTOR Multifocal & AcrySof Toric, 2/28/13, 1 hour

Dry Eye Patient: Ocular & Systemic Considerations, 3/14/13, 1 hour

By unanimously vote, the motion carried.

Dr. Hilovsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sterling, to amend the agenda to remove Narrow Angles and add the following courses for approval:

Eye Physicians and Surgeons, P.A.

State of the Union-Roadblocks & Detours in Glaucoma 2013, 3/14/13, 1 hour

The Newest Pharmacologic Agent in Treating Macular Diseases, 4/24/13, 1 hour

The Newest Treatment Options in Vascular Eye Disease, 4/24/13, 1 hour

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Completion of Internship

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Myloan Nguyen verifying that she has completed her 6-month internship.

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve therapeutic optometrist licensure for Myloan Nguyen for licensure.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the letters from the supervising doctors of Dr. Jamie Wohlhagen verifying that she has completed her 6-month internship.

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve therapeutic optometrist licensure for Jamie Wohlhagen.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Review of Tabled Reciprocity Application

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The Board reviewed the letter submitted by Dr. Alton Williams. Dr. Alton Williams advised the Board that Dr. Stella Ohanenye has completed the 40 hours of supervised clinical care under his supervision. Dr. Williams recommends Dr. Stella Ohanenye for licensure as a therapeutic optometrist.

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to approve therapeutic optometrist licensure to Stella Ohanenye by reciprocity.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the correspondence from DIOPSYS, Inc. After review, the Board discussed the question asked in the correspondence about Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) and Electroretinography (ERG). The Board stated that the question could be answered under the Optometry Law section 2101. Ms. Fulton from DIOPSYS would like confirmation on state letterhead, so Ms. Wagner will send a letter to Ms. Fulton regarding her question.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from ARBO (Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry) asking for the Board's approval to have Dr. Luanne Chubb to become an approved COPE reviewer for ARBO. The Board discussed and approved Dr. Chubb for this role.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Bryan Smith discussed with the Board about the Executive Order 36 and what this means to their profession. Executive Order 36 was established to allow the public to give comments on current regulations. A hearing officer for the Division of Professional Regulations held the meetings and if there were any comments they would be presented to the Board. Mr. Smith asked the Board to look over their law and rules & regulations since they haven't had any changes in a while. The Board should look for things that might need to be updated due to changes in the way they practice their profession.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the February meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hilovsky, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Wagner

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.